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SUBJECT USDA/APHIS GUIDELINES FOR MOVEMENT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, PERSONAL PROPERTY, CARGO, AND MAIL TO THE UNITED STATES FROM COUNTRIES AFFECTED WITH FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) AND OTHER ANIMAL DISEASES OF CONCERN

1. REFERENCES

A. MEMORANDUM, USDA/APHIS, 28 MAR 01, SUBJECT USDA/APHIS GUIDELINES FOR MOVEMENT OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, PERSONNEL, PERSONAL PROPERTY, CARGO, AND MAIL TO THE UNITED STATES FROM COUNTRIES AFFECTED WITH FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD) AND OTHER ANIMAL DISEASES OF CONCERN.

B. MESSAGE, CJCS WASHINGTON DC, 28 MAR 01, SUBJECT CONTAINMENT OF FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (FMD).

2. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS TAKING STEPS TO PREVENT ENTRANCE AND SPREAD OF FMD TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS RELEASED BY UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE/ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (USDA/APHIS) ON 28 MAR 01. USDA/APHIS MILITARY GUIDELINES RELEASE IS BEING RETRANSMITTED IN ITS ENTIRETY (WITH EXCEPTION OF POINTS OF CONTACT INFORMATION) "ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES OF PERSONNEL, CARGO, PERSONAL PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT AND MAIL IS OVERSEEN BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA)/ANIMAL AND PLANT HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE (APHIS). ANY ITEMS CONTAMINATED WITH SOIL, MANURE, AND/OR DEBRIS WILL BE PLACED ON USDA HOLD AND MUST BE CLEANED AND DISINFECTED PRIOR TO RELEASE. PROHIBITED ITEMS WILL BE SEIZED AND DESTROYED. USDA MAY ISSUE CIVIL PENALTIES FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH AGRICULTURAL LAWS.

MILITARY EQUIPMENT

1. ALL MILITARY ROLLING STOCK (I.E., TRUCKS, HUMVEES, WEAPONS SYSTEMS, TANKS, ETC.) AND OTHER USED MILITARY FIELD GEAR (I.E., FIELD CANVAS TENTS AND PEGS) MUST BE THOROUGHLY CLEANED AND DISINFECTED WITH AN APPROVED DISINFECTANT*. CLEANING AND DISINFECTION SHOULD OCCUR BEFORE SHIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES.** IF THE MILITARY IS UNABLE TO CONDUCT CLEANING OVERSEAS, THE ITEMS WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRST U.S. PORT OF ARRIVAL UNTIL THE CLEANING AND DISINFECTING ARE DONE. DIRT AND SOIL MUST BE REMOVED FROM THE INSIDE CAB AREAS OF TRUCKS AND HUMVEES. PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO EQUIPMENT PARTS THAT CAN HARBOR HIDDEN DEBRIS (I.E., WHEEL WELLS, TRACKS, ETC.).
2. PALLETS, WOODEN CRATES, AND OTHER MILITARY GOODS MUST BE FREE OF SOIL, MANURE, AND DEBRIS. IF CONTAMINATION IS FOUND, CLEANING AND DISINFECTION ARE REQUIRED.
3. THE EXTERIOR OF MILITARY FIXED WING AIRCRAFT DOES NOT REQUIRE CLEANING AND DISINFECTION. ROTARY AIRCRAFT SKIDS ARE SUBJECT TO INSPECTION. IF SOIL DEBRIS IS FOUND, THEN CLEAN AND DISINFECT.
4. GARBAGE FROM AIRCRAFT AND VESSELS MUST BE KEPT IN TIGHT, LEAK PROOF CONTAINERS. GARBAGE FROM A CONVEYANCE MUST BE REMOVED UNDER USDA COMPLIANCE AGREEMENT OR DIRECT SUPERVISION OF A PLANT PROTECTION AND QUARANTINE OFFICER. CARGO AND PASSENGER AREAS IN VESSELS AND AIRCRAFT NEED CLEANING AND DISINFECTION IF SOIL/DEBRIS ARE FOUND.
5. ANY MILITARY EQUIPMENT USED IN FMD ERADICATION EFFORTS IN THE UNITED KINGDOM OR OTHER FMD AFFECTED COUNTRIES WILL NOT BE ALLOWED ENTRY INTO THE UNITED STATES.

MILITARY PERSONNEL

1. ALL MILITARY PERSONNEL MUST BE CLEARED IN THE STATES THROUGH THE FEDERAL

3. OTHER HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS AND OTHER PERSONAL EFFECTS THAT ARE FOUND TO BE DIRTY/SOILED SHOULD BE WIPED WITH AN APPROVED DISINFECTANT PRIOR TO PACKING.
4. ALL MEATS AND MEAT PRODUCTS ARE PROHIBITED, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF CANNED SHELF STABLE HAMS. COMMERCIALY PRODUCED HARD CHEESE IS ALLOWABLE IF THE PRODUCT DOES NOT CONTAIN MEAT. GENERALLY, ALL OTHER ANIMAL PRODUCTS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PROHIBITED UNLESS SPECIFIC CLEARANCE FOR ENTRY HAS BEEN GIVEN BY USDA/APHIS.
5. SHOES MUST BE FREE FROM DIRT/SOIL/MANURE. IF CONTAMINATED, DISINFECT. CLOTHING CONTAMINATED WITH DIRT OR MANURE MUST BE LAUNDERED PRIOR TO SHIPPING.
6. MAIL - NO PACKAGES SHOULD BE MAILED TO THE UNITED STATES THAT CONTAIN PROHIBITED FOODS OR OTHER PROHIBITED/RESTRICTED ITEMS. DO NOT MAIL SAUSAGES, MEAT PRODUCTS, SOILED ITEMS, ETC.

SPECIAL MILITARY OPERATIONS

1. ANY LARGE SCALE MOVEMENT OF MILITARY PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT TO THE UNITED STATES REQUIRES PRIOR WRITTEN NOTIFICATION AND APPROVAL BY USDA/APHIS. (REFER TO LIST OF APHIS CONTACTS UNDER USDA/APHIS CONTACTS.)

NOTE THIS NOTIFICATION MUST INCLUDE THE NUMBER OF INVOLVED PERSONNEL, TYPE OF EXERCISE, LENGTH AND LOCATION OF EXERCISE, AND TYPE OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT INVOLVED.

2. ALL PRECAUTIONS PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED MUST BE OBSERVED.
 3. ARRIVAL IN THE UNITED STATES MUST BE COORDINATED WITH USDA/APHIS. ENTRY OF PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT WILL BE OVERSEEN BY USDA/APHIS. USDA/APHIS CONTACTS
- SPECIAL MILITARY OPERATIONS AND PRECLEARANCE REQUESTS

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***DISINFECTANTS**

1. A .1 PERCENT SOLUTION (5 TABLESPOONS/GALLON) OF BLEACH MADE FROM HOUSEHOLD BLEACH WITH 5.25 PERCENT AVAILABLE CHLORINE MAY BE USED. VIRKON-S BROAD SPECTRUM DISINFECTANT MAY ALSO BE USED ACCORDING TO LABEL RECOMMENDATIONS. THESE ARE THE RECOMMENDED DISINFECTANTS FOR USE IN THE UNITED STATES.
2. FOR OTHER COUNTRIES, USE DISINFECTANTS LABELED FOR USE IN THAT COUNTRY AND ARE SUITABLE FOR FMD AND SVD (SWINE VESICULAR DISEASE). THE UK MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE HAS A LIST OF APPROPRIATE DISINFECTANTS APPROVED FOR USE IN THE UK. FOR MORE INFORMATION, SEE THEIR WEBSITE @ WWW.MAFF.GOV.UK. **CLEANING AND DISINFECTION MUST BE DOCUMENTED ON PAPERWORK ACCOMPANYING THE SHIPMENT. DOCUMENTATION MUST CERTIFY THE FOLLOWING CLEAN AND DISINFECTED, CLEANING/DISINFECTION DATE, DISINFECTANT USED AND NAME AND RANK OF RESPONSIBLE PERSON.

NOTE WHEN USING DISINFECTANTS, APPROPRIATE PERSONAL SAFETY RECOMMENDATIONS MUST BE FOLLOWED. ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE, DIRECTION AND INFORMATION SEE THE USDA/APHIS WEBSITE FOR FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE AT [HTTP/WWW.APHIS.USDA.GOV/OA/FMD/INDEX.HTML](http://WWW.APHIS.USDA.GOV/OA/FMD/INDEX.HTML). THIS DOCUMENT WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE